
**APPENDIX D:
LETTER FROM CERTAIN COMMISSION
MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO SOLICITATION FOR
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Re: Proposals and Recommendations for the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change

You requested additional proposals and recommendations for reducing greenhouse gases in North Carolina. As members of the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change (LCGCC), we believe it is important to keep in mind the recommendations already adopted and the work already accomplished or in process. We need to evaluate the benefits and impacts of these extensive actions before recommending additional mandates.

As a group, we believe that there is great value in being more energy efficient, reducing our environmental footprint, and becoming more energy independent. By continuing our efforts to achieve these goals there will be the added benefit of reducing, avoiding, or sequestering greenhouse gas emissions. Our focus should be on these messages rather than continuing to debate the rates and causes of global warming.

In 2007, the LCGCC adopted a number of recommendations for inclusion in its interim report. The bulk of the adopted recommendations were compiled and unanimously recommended by the Climate Action Plan Advisory Group (CAPAG). While a Commission-approved interim report was never published, the adopted recommendations were noted in the summary provided by Commission Counsel Tim Dodge at the most recent meeting of the LCGCC. Almost all the LCGCC recommendations - and many of the CAPAG recommendations - have been implemented at some level, and the framework for the others is in place, although not fully funded (this is not unexpected, given the current economy).